



**2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team
SKI & SNOWBOARD AUSTRALIA
Nomination and Selection Criteria- Alpine Skiing**

1. QUALIFICATION

(a) Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate in the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games, athletes must:

- (1) meet the performance standards prescribed by the Qualification System;
- (2) meet the age eligibility requirements prescribed by the Qualification System;
To be eligible for the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 1995 and 31 December 1996;
- (3) meet and continue to observe the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors described in the Olympic Charter; and
- (4) must have the minimum FIS points in the respective event.

(b) IF Qualification System

- (1) Allocation of quota places for the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games (2012 WYOG) will be based on the overall standings of Marc Holder Trophy standings at the FIS Junior Alpine World Ski Championships held 30 January – 5 February 2011, Crans Montana, Switzerland.

The maximum number of athletes for each nation is 4 athletes (2 men and 2 women) to participate in all of the 2012 WYOG Alpine Skiing events:

Slalom
Giant Slalom
Super G
Combined
Parallel Team Event (2 Men & 2 Women)

- (2) The top seven (7) nations in the overall standings of Marc Hodler Trophy standings at the 2011 FIS Junior Alpine World Ski Championships and the host nation are entitled to a quota of two (2) men and two (2) women, totally eight (8) nations entry into the 2012 WYOG Alpine Skiing events.

The remaining nations scoring points in the men's and/or women's standings in Marc Hodler Trophy standings are entitled to one (1) starting place of the respective gender, until the maximum quota of 60 men and 55 women is filled.

- (3) Any remaining quota places will be distributed with a maximum of one (1) male and/or female athlete per nation, amongst the nations not yet qualified according to 1 (b) (2) above and applying for a quota place. The quota allocation for these places will be determined by the YOG FIS points quota allocation list published April 2011, together with consideration of international representation throughout all FIS disciplines on the programme of the 2012 WYOG.
- (4) In order to compete in the 2012 WYOG Alpine Skiing events, the following performance standards are required:
 - for Slalom and Giant Slalom events – have FIS points in any FIS Alpine event as at 11 December 2011.
 - for Super G event – have FIS points in Super G or Giant Slalom as at 11 December 2011.
- (5) Subject to Clause 1 (b) (4) above, Athletes are selected by their NOC to participate in all Alpine Skiing events and there may be no exchange of Athletes.

2. NOMINATION BY SKI & SNOWBOARD AUSTRALIA

- (1) SSA will, at its discretion, nominate to the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) for selection to the 2012 Australian WYOG Team up to the maximum number of athlete(s) who, in their opinion, will achieve the best result at the 2012 WYOG in individual or multiple events.

Without in anyway limiting the discretion of the SSA Selection Panel, in forming its opinion, the SSA Selection Panel will take into consideration the following factors:

- i) the Athlete's results achieved, quality and size of field in relation to these results and the standard of competition;
 - ii) the Athlete's experience at major events and proven performances under pressure including the role in securing quota places for Australia for the 2012 WYOG;
 - iii) the Athlete's current form and fitness including recent training and competition performances, general physical conditioning and/or any physical restrictions/limitations, injuries and the potential to increase level of performance in relation to the 2012 WYOG;
 - iv) any other factor that, in the opinion of the SSA Selection Panel is relevant to achieving the objective of choosing the athlete/s that will achieve the best result at the 2012 WYOG;
- (2) SSA will identify reserve athletes in preference order based on the criteria as outlined in 2 (1) above.

Timing

SSA will nominate athletes for selection to the AOC at such time as required by the AOC, but no later than 5pm on 12 December 2011.

3. SELECTION BY THE AOC

In order to be selected by the AOC as a member of the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team, each Athlete must:

- (1) have been nominated by SSA for selection by the AOC in accordance with Clause 2 of these Guidelines;
- (2) have signed (or if a minor, parent or guardian have signed) the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC and the Organising Committee for the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games;
- (3) have observed and continue to observe the provisions of the AOC's Constitution and its by-laws (as applicable) and must not have breached the AOC's Anti-Doping By-Law unless the athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed. A copy of AOC By-Laws are available from olympics.com.au;
- (4) undergo medical assessment and testing (if requested) to the complete satisfaction of the AOC;
- (5) have disclosed information to the Athlete's NF or the AOC concerning any conduct that might breach the code of conduct required of Athletes selected to an Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team under the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement; and
- (6) acknowledges that any matter arising under clauses (1) – (5) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.

If, in the opinion of the AOC, an Athlete fails to comply with one or more of the requirements in (1) – (6) above, that Athlete will be ineligible for selection by the AOC.

SSA will nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team. The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion:

- (1) to determine whether an Athlete (or team where applicable) has met the requirements of selection;
- (2) to determine whether or not it should select the maximum number of Athletes (or teams where applicable) permitted by the Qualification System, notwithstanding the number of Athletes who may have met the requirements of selection and/or the Qualification System.

4. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- (1) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes attend the 2012 Youth Olympic Games for the entire period of the Games 13 – 22 January 2012 (inclusive).
- (2) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes participate in the Culture and Education Sessions organised by the Innsbruck Winter Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee during the Winter Youth Olympic Games.

5. NON-COMPLIANCE

If an Athlete breaches any of the requirements of the Nomination and Selection criteria, the AOC may suspend or terminate the Athlete's selection to the Team or otherwise impose a sanction prescribed by the disciplining procedures set out in the AOC 2012 WYOG Team Membership Agreement.

6. INTERPRETATION

The SSA Selection Panel will consist of:

- The SSA Alpine Program Director
- The SSA Alpine Chairman of Selectors
- The SSA Chief Executive Officer and
- An SSA Director as nominated by the SSA Board